



# The Holy Trinity

Worship with Holy Communion

June 4, 2023

## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here, and we pray God will be real to you as you worship with us. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation; therefore, we invite all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, ages, economic levels, and abilities. God loves all creation and holds us all, so we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We honor and appreciate the rich diversity of age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity and expression, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships. We commit ourselves to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

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**Communion** - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Prelude in E Major (BWV 854)

By Johann Sebastian Bach



*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.*

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# Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Please stand in body or spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.


**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**  
**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**  
**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**


# Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
 2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,  
 3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,  
 4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.  
 5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.

We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.  
 for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.  
 to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.  
 Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.  
 We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# WORD

## Scripture Reading

## 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

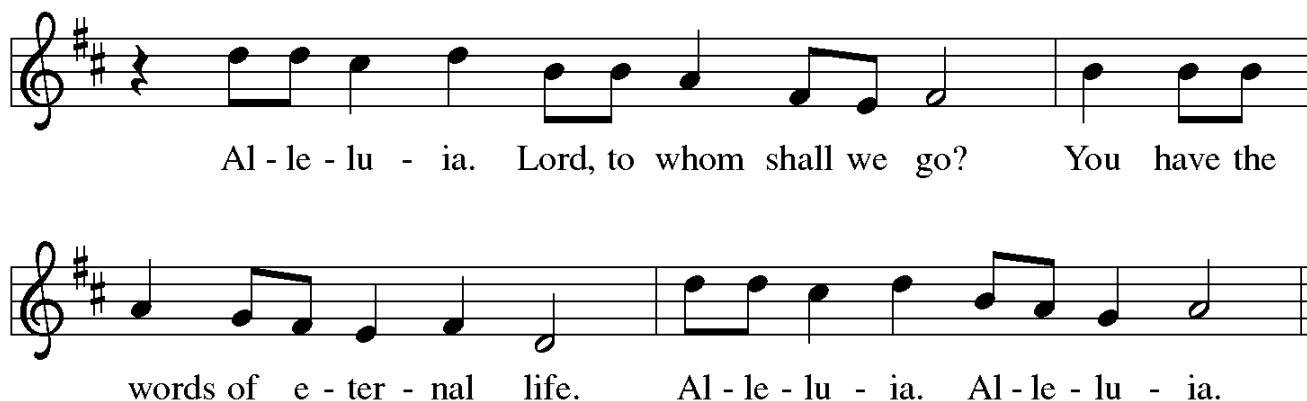
[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit*



## Gospel Reading

## Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

# Children's Time

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

*Please stand in body or spirit*

#### Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## Sharing of Peace — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

*Please be seated*



# COMMUNION MEAL

*For those worshiping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.*

## Offering

*You may use one of our options for giving: The offering plate will be passed by the ushers, Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website [bethelpdx.org](http://bethelpdx.org) for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may give by mail. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

## Offertory

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,**

**you are the giver of all good things.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,**

**and multiply your graciousness in us,**

**that the world may be fed with your love,**

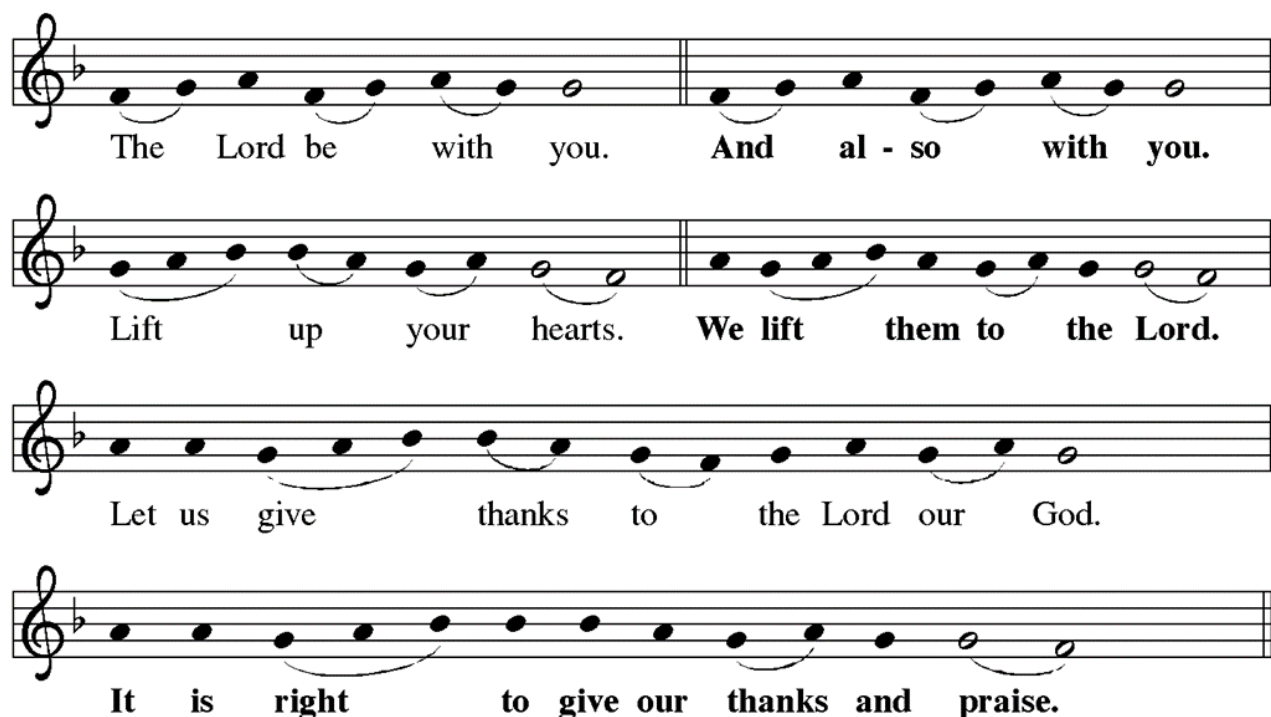
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand in body or spirit*

*The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

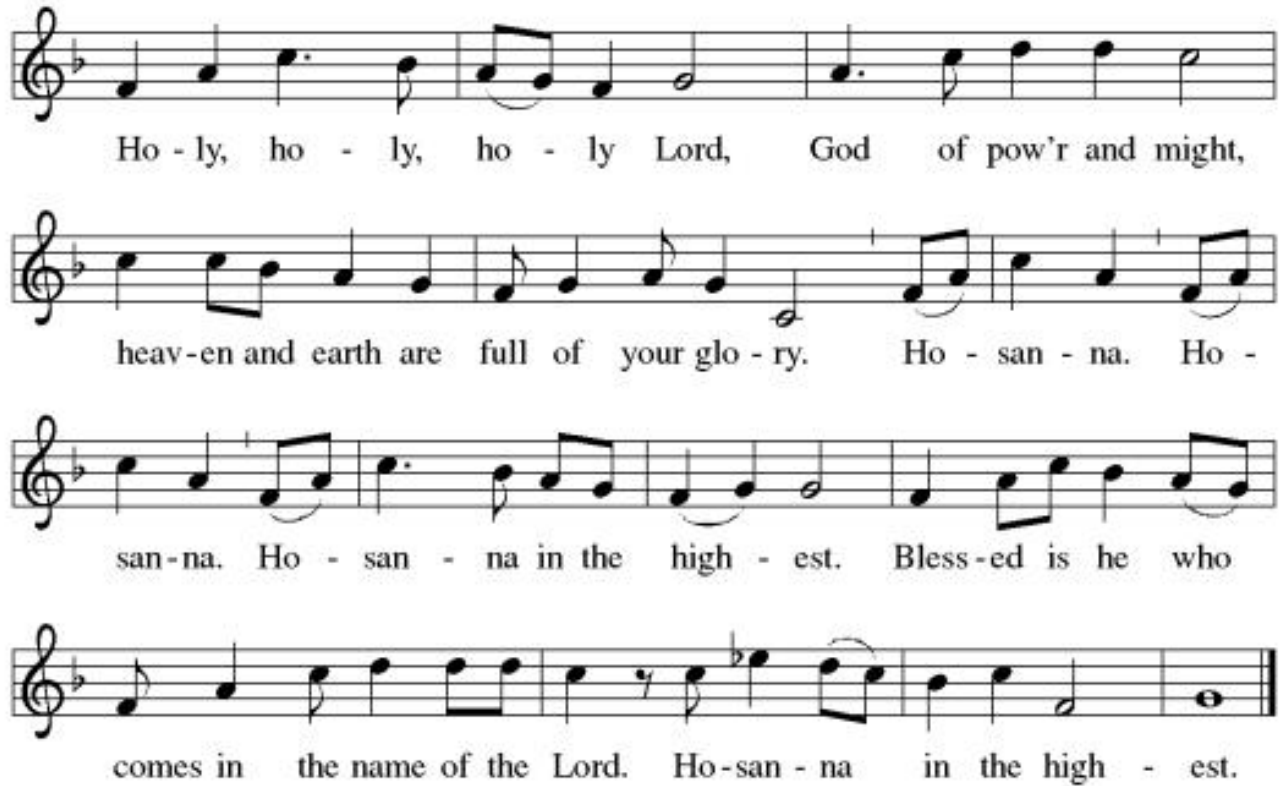
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.*



*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

### **You Raise Me Up**

*By Rolf Løvland*



## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Announcements

### Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

***When You Wish Upon a Star***

***By Ned Washington & Leigh Harline***

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Today After Service we will have our piano dedication. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Ludviksen and Hansen families memorial that provided the funds to purchase our new piano. Please pick up a program for the order of music and reflection in the church.**

Stewardship of Service	This week – June 4, 2023	Next week – June 11, 2023
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	PJ Bentley	Jackie Calder
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Knoll</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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## Pray for:

**Pray for the women of Iran** that they may speak out in safety and be heard and honored.

**Pray for all those on the Turkey/Syrian boarder** who have suffered great loss due the earthquake.

**Pray for Farid Owji**, a cousin to a friend of Pastor Leon, who is a journalist in Iran who was jailed for 27 days. Help him to heal from his trauma and help him as he seeks safety and asylum in other countries.

**Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence.**

**Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine**

**Pray for peace and justice** and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

**Pray for Bethel leaders**, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director Shlomo Farber, YDIC Summer Program Director Heather Anderson, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2023 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Pray for those going through our confirmation program** that they grow in faith and have a deeper understanding of Jesus as someone who is a guiding, loving force in their lives.

**Pray for our children**, as they work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the school year. May they finish out the year with a yearning to learn more.

**Pray for those who are ill:**

- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home.
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health
- **Leo Lawrence** as he continues treatment for cancer
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- **Donald Gibler**, grandson of Laverne Atkins, who has experienced a set back due to a previous injury.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.
- **Jules Auger's wife Carol** who is recovering from hip surgery.
- **Harry Griffin (Pastor Keys grandson) & family**, continue prayers for his recovery.
- **Glenn Chase** for continued good results on medical tests.
- **Marjorie Strieff** for improved health.

**Pray for all those who have passed away** that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

Especially for **Kent Burghard** who died recently.

**Pray for Cate Milburn's son, Rocky**, who was in a severe accident and has passed away, and their family as they grieve.

**Pray for Miles Bard** as he transitions to moving back to Portland.

**Pray for Erik Spurrell** as his housemate, David, died on April 15. And his grandmother, Mama, died on May 7 at 96. May God bless his grief.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones **Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash**, and **Patricia**--may they walk in light and peace.

**Pray in thanksgiving** for all the blessings received this week.

**Pray we know that God is close** and we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

**Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.**



YDIC Summer Program is looking for families to come and have some fun. This S.T.E.M. based program is open to kids entering 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade fall of 2023. The QR code takes you directly to the Summer Program page. Please let your friends and family know about this great program and see how to register. Program begins on July 5<sup>th</sup> and goes until August 11, MTWThF, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Registration is now open!



Email: [ydic@bethelpdx.org](mailto:ydic@bethelpdx.org) for more information

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**Summer BarBEEQs  
At Bethel**

**Join us in the church  
parking lot**

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**We will have burgers (veggie option), hot dogs, salad, dessert. Potluck dishes welcomed. Bring friends and family.**

**Want to play games? We will have those too or bring your own!**

**Send**

**Go into the world**

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sent his disciples to baptize and teach all people.

**Send the disciples out through the maze to teach and baptize.**



*Be with us, Jesus, as we are sent to share your love with others. Amen*

**This week**

Enjoy a triple treat of ice cream—chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla—a three flavors-in-one cone celebration!

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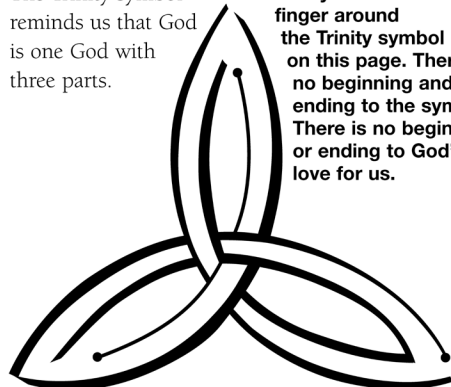


**gather**

Welcome to worship. Today is Trinity Sunday. Our God has many names. We worship God as Three-in-One: God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Advocate.

The Trinity symbol reminds us that God is one God with three parts.

**Trace your finger around the Trinity symbol on this page. There is no beginning and no ending to the symbol. There is no beginning or ending to God's love for us.**



Look around worship for people and things with three syllables in their names. Make a list of the people and include them in your prayers today. Don't forget the ac-o-lyte and mu-si-cians!